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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.3265

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Tomohiro SAITO ) Group Art Unit: 1765  
)  
Serial No.: 10/796,183 ) Examiner: Chen, Eric Brice  
)  
Filed: March 10, 2004 ) Confirmation No. 2731  
)  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND )  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING )  
THE SAME )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In the Office Action mailed March 24, 2006, the period for response to which extends through April 24, 2006, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups:

Group I, claims 1-8, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method; and  
Group II, claims 9-20, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a semiconductor device.

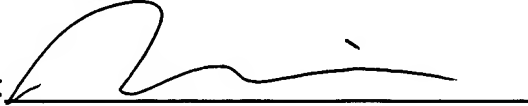
Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group II, including claims 9-20, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 21, 2006

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